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Connecticut Resident Helps Watauga Hospital Gets Gifts Totaling \$150,000

Funds To Help Greatly, Says Board Chairman

Two gifts totaling \$150,000 have been received by Watauga County Hospital for assistance in financing the new plant, Wade E. Brown, chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced yesterday.

The grants were made by The Duke Endowment, which gave \$100,000, and by Mrs. Gilbert Verney of Greenwich, Conn., a member of the Reynolds family, whose gift was \$50,000.

These funds will help greatly in providing the new \$1,850,000 hospital for the people of Watauga County, Mr. Brown said in expressing the appreciation of the trustees for the generosity of the endowment and Mrs. Verney. They bring to \$1,642,000 the amount available for the project. He explained that other foundations and sources are aware of the need for additional money and he is encouraged over the possibility of their assistance.

Mr. Brown described the Duke Endowment as a long-time friend of the institution. In 1931 it appropriated \$40,000 to assist in building the present hospital. It gave \$10,000 in 1949 for use in purchasing equipment and \$10,000 more in 1953 to assist in building the nurses' residence, renovating the heating plant, and adding equipment. Each year it makes an appropriation to assist in financial charity cases. The most recent of these, made earlier this year on the basis of \$1 a day for each day of free care in the 1964 fiscal year, was for \$2,554.

In addition to providing funds to aid eligible non-profit hospitals in the Carolina in capital expenses and charity work, the endowment has a field staff which is available for counsel when assisted institutions ask for advice on ways of increasing efficiency or on improvement or expansion plans.

The endowment also assists four educational institutions—Duke University, Davidson College, Johnson C. Smith University, and Furman University—and in the support of orphans and half-orphans in child-caring institutions of the Carolinas. It contributes funds, too, to aid in the construction, maintenance, and operation of rural Methodist churches in North Carolina and in the support of retired Methodist ministers, and of widows and dependent orphan children of Methodist ministers.

The gift from Mrs. Verney is considered a very noteworthy contribution, not only from the actual amount of money involved but for the very fine spirit that she has exhibited as an interested individual. She obviously recognized a need and she was in position to do something about it and the people of Watauga should ever be grateful for the fine friendship of the Duke Endowment and such worthy individuals as Mrs. Verney has been.

Governor To Attend Horn

Gov. Dan Moore has accepted an invitation to attend the opening night production of the "Horn in the West" outdoor drama on June 25.

The announcement was made today by H. W. Wilcox, manager of the "Horn in the West."



America's Oldest Boy Scout

At the Watauga District Boy Scout Camporee, Stanley Harris (right), who has been connected with Scouting for 37 years, talked with Dr. Lawrence Heavrin of Blowing Rock, who is District Scout Commissioner. Harris hiked to the campsite twice on Saturday, a distance of four miles. He organized a unit of the British Scout Association of London, England, in 1908 in Frankfort, Ky. This unit

was taken over by the Boy Scouts of America, who organized in 1910. Saturday night at the Winston-Salem Coliseum, Harris was presented the first 55-year veteran's pin as part of the Boy Scout Camporee there. Harris, who is 83 years old, hiked to the Price Park campsite with less strain than those who are as much as 70 years younger. (Greene photo)

Broom Sale To Be Held To Aid Watauga's Blind

The annual broom sale of the Boone Lions Club will be held May 10-15.

Boy Scout Post 114, recently organized and sponsored by the Club will assist in the sale. Club members, as well as Scouts, will be identified by Lions Club arm bands.

Every purchase means more help for the blind or near blind in Watauga County. The club urges townspeople to buy at least one broom during next week's sale. The Boy Scouts will also have a street sale of brooms on Saturday, May 15, operating from the store beside Joe Crawford's barber shop on East King Street.

If residents are not at home when a Lion or Scout calls, brooms may be purchased for \$1.50 at Hunt's Department Store, where brooms are kept in stock for the Lions Club year around.

Proceeds from the broom sale makes possible surgical treatment, corneal transplants and glasses for the blind and near blind.

Mrs. Hagaman Young Educator For Watauga Co.

Mrs. Margaret Hagaman was named Watauga's Outstanding Young Educator at a Jaycees Ladies' Night banquet, held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Mrs. Hagaman is a fourth grade teacher at Green Valley Elementary School; she and her husband, Ted Hagaman, reside at 207 1/2 Pine Street, Boone.

Mr. John Marsh, principal of Green Valley School, presented her with a certificate of acknowledgement for her outstanding work in educating our young people.

The Outstanding Young Educator program is sponsored by the Boone Jaycees, the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, and World Book Encyclopedia. The program is designed to spotlight outstanding achievement in the teaching profession among educators between 21 and 35 years of age. Both male and female teachers of grades one through 12 were eligible.

Horse Show Plans Will Be Discussed

People interested in the Cove Creek Horse Show are invited to a meeting at the Cove Creek High School Friday night, May 7, at 7:30 p. m. to make plans for the show this summer. Date for show, classes and other business will be discussed.



HOLDING THE WINSTON-SALEM ART & AMERICAN HOME CUP, which she won for her painting, "Rushing Waterfall," is Mrs. Maebelle South of Boone. Her oil painting was in the exhibition by North Carolina Artists, which was presented by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Club at their 63rd annual convention, April 27-29 in Charlotte. Hers was the best painting in the

landscape or marine oils division. She is a student of Fred Morgan of Bristol, who holds weekly painting classes in Boone. Mrs. Paul Weston, incoming president, and Mrs. Herman Wilcox, incoming vice-president, attended the convention as delegates and Mrs. Ruby Ellis and Mrs. Homer Brown attended the art exhibit on Thursday. (Weston photo)

Conley L. Yates Dies As Farm Tractor Overturns



JAMES P. MARSH

James Marsh New President Of Rotary Club

As president of the Boone Rotary Club, James P. Marsh, and his wife and four sons will attend the Rotary International Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., starting on May 30.

Marsh said the Rotary project for this year will be a four-acre burley tobacco base, proceeds from which will aid crippled children. The Rotarians will set and tend the tobacco, grade it and sell it in the winter market here. The allotment was donated by Rotarian Floyd Ayers and is on his Laurel Fork farm.

Other officers elected for the (continued on page three)

C Of C Needs List Of Local Living Quarters

We are in urgent need of a listing of living quarters—houses and large apartments—for summer rental.

We are receiving inquiries daily asking us to secure and confirm the various types that will meet their needs. Among those especially interested are some performers at the "Horn in the West" drama. They are depending on us to locate places for them.

Since we have an obligation to serve the interests of those who wish to come to our community, live with us and spend their money, we would be glad if you will call or write the Chamber of Commerce, 617 East King St., giving a description of available property, the number of people it will accommodate, street or RFD and phone number. This will be a great help to us.

Parkway One Of Most Popular National Areas

The Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park remained among the most popular national park areas during 1964, the U. S. Interior Department announced Sunday.

The Parkway continued as the most popular despite a drop from 1963. The count in 1964 visits was 7,001,100, down from 7,233,900 in 1963.

The Smokies were the only other area with more than 5 million visits, showing 5,321,100 in 1964 and 5,258,700 in 1963.

A record 102,475,100 visits were counted at areas of the national park system during 1964, a gain of nearly nine per cent over the previous high of 94,092,900 in 1963.

Local Small Business Group Has First Meet

The newly formed Watauga County Small Business Development Center Committee held its first meeting on Tuesday, April 27. Mr. Forest Gunn, representative of the Charlotte office of the Small Business Administration, was present to explain the purpose of the committee.

Loans up to \$25,000 for small businesses and cooperatives have been made available under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. Applications for loans not in excess of \$2,500 will be handled by the local FHA office.

Applications for loans from \$2,500 to \$25,000 will be reviewed by the Watauga County Small Business Development Center Committee.

1,187 Watauga Farmers Get \$65,247 In ACP Payments

Conservation costs money. That is why we have an Agricultural Conservation Program. To date, 1,187 farmers have Federal cost-share approvals of \$65,247 under the 1965 ACP program in Watauga County.

Just being convinced about the benefits of conservation is not enough and a high per cent of our farmers are acting on their beliefs about conservation. The \$65,247 mentioned above is just a small per cent of the total cost spent by farmers each year

in the county conserving our soil for present and future use.

A bird's eye view of the green hills will show the farms where conservation farming is being practiced. In many of these cases the Agricultural Conservation Program is co-operating with the farmer in carrying out the conservation practice. Each year Congress has authorized funds to share the cost of sound conservation practices with farmers. Conservation is vital

not only to the farmers who till the soil but to the health and well-being of every citizen both now and in the future.

Vaughn Tugman, chairman of the Watauga ASC County Committee which operates the ACP program, urges any farmer who has not yet received cost-share assistance to visit the ASCS office at his earliest convenience and receive an on-the-spot consideration of his conservation needs.

ABC Store At Blowing Rock Being Sought In Legislature

Deep Gap Fire Dept. Sets Fire To Small House

The Deep Gap Fire Department set fire to a small house on Poplar Hill Drive four times Monday before letting it burn to the ground.

When John D. Broyhill of Boone bought the property for development, he didn't want the house. So he gave it to the newly organized Deep Gap force "to practice on".

The first blaze was set about 8 p. m. Because there are no hydrants in the Poplar Hill area, the Boone Fire Department was asked to stand by with more water in case it would be needed. Town trucks left the scene about 10 p. m., while Deep Gap firemen remained to put out spot fires.

Large crowds congested the residential district during the practice session.

BULLETIN Blowing Rock Election

R. B. Hardin, unopposed for the office of Mayor of Blowing Rock, was elected Tuesday, receiving 124 votes.

For the three-man board of town commissioners, the following were elected:

Clyde L. Dula with 263 votes; William Shaheen, 183; John O. Goodwin, 178.

Hayden Pitts, also running for commissioner, got 166 votes. Ralph Andrews tallied 118.

Legislation authorizing the establishment of a liquor store in the town of Blowing Rock was introduced in the General Assembly Friday.

Sen. A. L. Shuford of Catawba County introduced the bill in the Senate, along with a companion measure to authorize the sale of beer and wine in Blowing Rock.

The bill to permit the establishment of a liquor store in Blowing Rock is similar to a measure introduced in the 1963 legislature by Rep. Clyde Harris of Rowan County. Harris' bill was killed after Rep. James Hofsousher of Watauga opposed it.

Holshouser indicated opposition to Shuford's bill. "In principle," the Republican legislator said, "I don't approve of local legislation being introduced by people from outside the local area."

Shuford, a Democrat, said he introduced the bills at the request of the Blowing Rock Town Board. "It is not in my district," he said, "but I live in Blowing Rock in the summer-time and own property there."

Many Wild Flowers Bloom On Parkway

A wide and colorful variety of wildflowers are in full bloom along the Blue Ridge Parkway this weekend, according to Parkway Rangers.

Dogwood displays continue to be excellent throughout the entire Asheville district—which extends from Grandfather Mountain to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a distance of 164 miles.

On the northern end of the district, between Mt. Mitchell and Beacon Heights, serviceberry and witchhobble are near peak bloom at the higher elevations.

Frazier magnolia and Carolina rhododendron are both

A liquor store would be set up in Blowing Rock, under the bill, if voters of the town approved the proposal in a referendum.

The bill would allow the town board to call the referendum if it receives a petition signed by at least 15 per cent of the town's voters.

The bill provides that profits (Continued on page six)

Democrats To Nominate City Candidates

The Democratic voters of the Town of Boone are asked to meet in convention at the courthouse, May 8 at 8 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a Democratic slate of candidates to be voted on in the municipal election June 22.

Mr. D. Grady Moretz, who announced the convention, states that candidates for Mayor and three members of the Board of Aldermen will be selected.

Large numbers of ground flowers are out from Mt. Mitchell to Asheville.

At higher elevations robin trillium, spring beauty, squirrel corn and Dutchman's Breeches are abundant.

At lower and middle elevations, columbine, showy orchids, purple phacelia, wood betony, wild geranium, dwarf crested iris and Indian paint brush can be found. Flame azalea is opening near Oteen.

On the south end of the district, silverbell is opening near Devil's Courthouse, in addition to all other species found along the rest of the Parkway.